

# MAGNIFICENT GUERNSEY

## Andy strikes twice in great win over Ithsmian leaders

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Guernsey ... 2,

Wycombe Wanderers ... 0.

**W**ITH a team that showed three changes from the one held by Kew on Good Friday—Bob Bannister for Alan de Jersey at left-back and Irishmen Andy McMillan and Laurence Graham in the attack in the places of the injured Loveridge brothers—the Island played magnificently at the Track yesterday afternoon to record what must have been one of their greatest Victory Cup triumphs.

For Wycombe are battling with Sutton United, whom they meet in a key game next Saturday, for the championship of amateur soccer's top division, the Isthmian League, and the side they fielded yesterday included three English international stars.

To have beaten so powerful a side, and by a decisive margin, was a considerable achievement, and one which must have given the selectors tremendous encouragement, especially as the visitors had previously won 3-0 and 5-1 in Jersey.

It was a heart-warming, fighting display all-round by the local side, but the man who won the biggest cheers of the 415 crowd was centre-forward McMillan, who followed up his hat-trick against Kew on Saturday by scoring both the goals which stunned the star-studded visitors.

### HEADERS

And what goals they were—two brilliant headers in a 10-minute spell early in the second half which left Wycombe 'keeper Maskell helpless.

The first, in the 54th minute, followed a free-kick awarded Guernsey out near their right touchline following a foul on Wally Torode.

Colin Renouf planted it towards the far post and, racing in with Roger Hemery, Andy leaped to power the ball home with his forehead.

But his second, in the 64th minute, was even better. The move began with a throw-in on the right. Laurence Graham threw the ball to Kenny Giles and, receiving it back, crossed into the heart of the goalmouth.

By rights, it should have been the defence's ball but, from nowhere, McMillan flashed forward and hurled himself full-length at the ball to send it rocketing wide of the leaping Maskell's left hand.

It was one of the finest goals of the local season and with it Andy who had been unlucky not to score in the first half after he had held off two determined opponents in a determined run to fire just wide, must have clinched his place in the Muratti team.

### ACROBATIC

In between the Island's two goals, "Gerve" Brazier had been forced into making the save-of-the-season—an acrobatic twisting, one-handed fist-over—to prevent centre-forward Searle equalizing for Wycombe.

But generally the Island carried the greater threat in the second half and were unlucky not to get a third goal near the end.

It was Bob Bannister, surprisingly chosen in view of Alan de Jersey's fine display on Friday, who just failed to do the trick. Up in support of the attack, he let fly a close-range shot which looked a goal all the way only to see Maskell "do a Brazier" with a fantastic flying save.

Wycombe, fast-moving and displaying the skills expected of them despite the strong, spoiling wind, often shaped dangerously in the opening session.

Brazier, Art Le Page and Colin Renouf showed up particularly well and the Island defence managed to contain their attack, which was masterminded by International inside-left Larry Pritchard, who played here for the F.A. XI three years ago.

### INCISIVE

And with Ken Giles often breaking menacingly at speed, Graham creating space for himself and using the ball well and McMillan always on the look out for a chance, the Island staged some incisive raids of their own.

Spurred by skipper Powell, the England and Great Britain half-back the Wycombe attack sparked at times with wingers Bremer and Horseman, another international, and Searle causing the local defence plenty of problems.

But, over the game as a whole the Island more than broke even with the visitors, who were better in approach than in finishing.

Micky Duncan and Roger Hemery worked like Trojans in midfield and the side as a whole played with a tenacity of purpose, challenging for every ball, which was a delight to see.

### CONFIDENT

The back-line stood up wonderfully well to all that was thrown at it and Le Page and Bannister still found time to overlap and join in the attacks.

Confidence grew visibly in the local ranks as time went on with the local boys not afraid to take on—and invariably beat—their opponents.

Towards the close, inside-right Hutchinson—later substituted by Welsh international Anthony—and Pritchard made great attempts to pull Wycombe back into the game, but against that Giles and Hemery both went near to adding to Guernsey's lead.

Only six minutes from the end, the Island put on Dave Lesbirel in place of Graham. They finished thoroughly deserving winners with McMillan the hero of the hour.

Guernsey: Brazier; Le Page, Renouf, Herpe, Bannister; Duncan, Hemery, Giles; Graham (Lesbirel), McMillan, Torode.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Blunt, Gale, Powell, Rundle, Faulkner, Bremer, Hutchinson, (Anthony), Searle, Pritchard, Horseman.

Referee: R. West; linesmen: A. Lambourne and D. West.



A second-half Wycombe attack is foiled by "Gerve" Brazier who leaps to turn the ball over the bar. (No. 847/71).